UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----X

J & J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Civil Case No. 08-2869

Plaintiff

-AGAINST-

HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ADELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ AMENDED
NOTICE OF MOTION
FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Defendant

Sirs:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the affidavit of Paul J. Hooten sworn to on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008 in support of said application and exhibits attached thereto, Plaintiff moves this Court for an Order granting the entry of default judgment against the defendants for the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, plus interest on such sum from March 19, 2005 at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum; plus costs and disbursements in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$470.00).

Mt. Sinai, New York

August 1, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Paul J. Hooten

Paul J. Hooten & Assoc. (PJH9510) 5505 Nesconset Highway, Suite 203

Mt. Sinai, NY 11766 Attorney for Plaintiff

To: Heveres Corp.
d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant
154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street
New York, NY 10029

Adelina Ruiz 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029 Francisco Ruiz 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029

SOUTHERN DISTRICT	OF NEW YORK	
J & J SPORTS PRODU		
	Plaintiff	CIVIL NO. 08-CV-02869
-AGAINST-		
HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ADELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ  DefendantX		AMENDED AFFIDAVIT FOR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT
STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YO	) ss:	

Paul J. Hooten, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a member of the Bar of this Court and am associated with the firm of Paul J. Hooten & Associates, attorney for plaintiff in the above-entitled action and I am familiar with all the facts and circumstances in this action.

- 1. I make this affidavit pursuant to Rule 55.1 and 55.2(a) of the Civil Rules for the Southern District of New York, in support of plaintiffs application for the entry of a default judgment against defendant.
- 2. This is an action to recover the unauthorized exhibition of the telecast of the March 19 2005, boxing match between Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiao by the defendant. See attached summons and complaint attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. This action was commenced on March 18, 2008 by the filing of the summons and complaint. A copy of the summons and complaint was served on the defendants Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz on April 17, 2008 by

service on "Jane" Colon, Managing Agent. The defendants have not answered the complaint and the time for the defendant to answer the complaint has expired.

- Said defendants are not infants or incompetents. Pursuant to the affidavit of service on file with this Court, the defendants are not presently in the military services of the United States.
- 5. The defendants have not answered or otherwise moved with respect to the complaint, and the time for the defendants to answer or otherwise move has been extended as of this date.
  - 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is the Clerk's Certificate of Default.
- 7. This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1331, which states that the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States.
- 8. Upon information and belief, venue is proper in this court because, inter alia, all defendants reside within the State of New York (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and 28 U.S.C. §112(b).
- This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties in this action as a result of the defendants' wrongful acts hereinafter complained of which violated plaintiff's rights as distributor of the transmission signal of the fight as hereinafter set forth as length. The defendants' wrongful acts consisted of the interception or tortious conversion of said property of plaintiff within the control of the plaintiff in the State of New York.
- 10. This action seeks judgment in the amount of \$20,000.00, plus interest at 9% from March 19, 2005, amounting to \$6,000.00, plus costs and disbursement of this action in the amount of \$470.00, amounting in all to \$26,470.00. Of which no amount has been paid towards this judgment.
- 11. There is no need to prove malice or actual knowledge in order to establish a willful violation; constructive knowledge is sufficient. See Fitzgerald, 807F.2d at 1115; Cable/Home,

902 F 2d at 851. In the instant case, the defendants actual knowledge that their acts were wrongful should be sufficient to demonstrate that their acts were willful.

12. Therefore, based on the above and inquest hearing would not be necessary.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests the entry of Default and the entry of the annexed Judgment against defendant.

Dated: Mt. Sinai, New York August 1, 2008

> /s/ Paul J. Hooten Paul J. Hooten (PJH9510)

Sworn to before me this <u>1</u> day of **August**,2008

Cheryl E. Lorefice Notary Public

Cheryl E. Lorefice Notary Public, State of New York No. 4999823 Qualified in Suffolk County Commission Expires August 3, 2010

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----X J & J SPORTS PRODUCTONS, INC.

Plaintiff CIVIL NO. 08-CV-02869

-AGAINST-

HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ADELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ

	Defendant X	STATEMENT	OF DAMAGES
Amount of judgment			520,000.00
Interest at 9% from March 19, 2005 through July, 2008			6,000.00
Costs and Disbursements:			
Clerk's fee Process Server fee for service			
Total as of July 2008		§	626470.00

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----X J & J SPORTS PRODUCTONS, INC.

Plaintiff

CIVIL NO. 08-CV-02869

-AGAINST-

HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ANELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ

Defendant

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

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I certify that a copy of the Notice of Motion For Default Judgment, Default Judgment, Amended Affidavit for Judgment by Default, Statement of Damages and Amended Proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law were sent via U.S. Postal Service, postage prepaid, first class mail, addressed to the following on August 1, 2008:

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Adelina Ruiz 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029

Francisco Ruiz 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
J & J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Plaintiff 08-2869

-AGAINST-

HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ADELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ

PROPOSED
DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Defendant -----X

This action having been commenced on March 18, 2008 by the filing of the Summons and Complaint, and a copy of the Summons and Complaint having been served on the defendant, Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz, and a proof of service having been filed on April 25, 2008 and the defendants not having answered the Complaint, and the time for answering the Complaint having expired, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED: That the plaintiff have judgment against defendants in the liquidated amount of \$20,000.00 with interest at 9% from March 19, 2005, amounting to \$6,000.00; plus costs and disbursements of this action in the amount of \$470.00, amounting in all to \$26,470.00.

Dated: New York, New York

William H. Pauley, III

William H. Pauley, III United States District Judge UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----X
J&J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.
Plaintiff,

-against-

Civil Action No. 08-2869

HEVERES CORP.
d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT
and ADELINA RUIZ
and FRANCISCO RUIS
Defendant,

#### AMENDED PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW

This proceeding is before the Court on Motion for a Default Judgment. Based upon the evidence the Court enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### PROPOSED FINDING OF FACT

The relevant facts can be briefly stated and are fully set forth in the accompanying exhibits and Plaintiff's underlying Complaint. Plaintiff, J&J Sports Production, Inc. brought this action on March 18, 2008, alleging that the Defendants hereto knowingly and willfully violated the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §605(1996). The Complaint, alleges that the Defendants, operators of taverns and restaurants in the New York City Area, unlawfully intercepted and exhibited the Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiano pay-per-view boxing event on March 19, 2005. Copies of the Summons and Complaint were served on Defendants, Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz, Individually and Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant as set forth in the proofs of service by Darryl Green, which were filed with the Court on April 25, 2008.

As for paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Plaintiff entered into a closed-circuit television license agreement to exhibit the closed-circuit telecast of the March 19, 2005 boxing match

between Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiano, including undercard or preliminary bouts (the boxing match and all related bouts are collectively referred to as the "Event") Plaintiff owns the distribution rights to the March 19, 2005 Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiano boxing event, which was broadcast either by closed circuit television or by encrypted satellite signal. For a fee, commercial establishment could legitimately receive an unscrambled signal, enabling them to view the program by contracting with the Plaintiff. However, through the use of methods that required the performance of some deliberate and willful act, potential purchasers, such as the Defendants herein, illegally obtained programs without paying the plaintiff for the rights to exhibit said event.

In order to combat the serious erosion of market sales caused by such piracy, plaintiff hired investigative agencies to retain independent auditors to visit various bars and restaurants in the New York City area on the night of March 19, 2005, to see whether these establishments were intercepting and publicly displaying the Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiano boxing event without authorization from, or payment to, plaintiff and its affiliates.

The auditors visited numerous locations where the Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiano boxing event was exhibited. Among the locations the auditors observed exhibiting the Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiano match without authority to do so was that of the defendant, Heveres d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant, located at 154 E. 112th Street, New York, NY 10029 Defendants' display of the event was verified by independent auditor Patricia Ferraro. The auditor entered the defendant's establishment and paid a \$0.00 cover charge and saw 1 television sets exhibiting a portion of the event to 55 individuals in the establishment. The exhibition most likely led to an increased number of patrons and, thus, an increase in profits from food and beverages, all to the financial detriment of plaintiff and its legitimate customers.

After proper service on the defendants, the defendants herein did not answer or otherwise appear within the time to answer, nor did they request an extension of time to file. Plaintiff sought entry of default, which was granted by the Clerk of the Court on July 7, 2008. Said defendants are not infants or incompetents. Upon information and belief, the defendants are not presently in the military service of the United States.

#### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The Statute in General

The Statute provides inter alia that:

[n]o person not being authorized by the sender shall intercept any radio communication and divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect or meaning of such intercepted communication to any person. No person not being entitled thereto shall receive or assist in receiving any interstate or foreign communication by radio and use such communication (or any information therein contained) for his own benefit or for the benefit of another not entitled thereto.

47 U.S.C. §605(a). Thus, it protects against the theft of satellite communications such as the Event. See e.g., Cimenelli v. Cablevision, 583 F.Supp. 158, 161 (E.D.N.Y. 1984); Cablevision Systems Development Co. v. Annasonic Electronic Supply, No. CV-83-5189 (E.D.N.Y. February 10, 1984); Cablevision Systems Coup. v. DePalma, No. CV 87-3528 (E.D.N.Y. January 17, 1989); California Satellite Systems v. Seimon, 767 F.2d 1364 (1985); Quincy Cablesystems, Inc. v. Sully's Bar, Inc., 640 F.Supp. 1159 (D. Mass. 1986); National Subscription Television v. S & H TV, 644 F.2d 820 (9th Cir. 1981); National Football League v. Alley, Inc., 624 F.Supp. 6 (S.D. Fla. 1983). Accordingly, all acts of unlawful interception, receipt and broadcast of the signal of the Event were in violation of the Statute.

In order to deter the unlawful use of communications such as the Event.

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Congress specifically designed the Statute to provide "both Prosecutor[s] and civil plaintiffs [with] the legal tools they need to bring piracy under control." Trademark & Satellite Acts, P.L.-6678, 1988 U.S. Cong. & Admin. News 7, 5577, 5658; See U.S. v. Scott, 783 F.Supp. 280, 281 (N.D. Miss. 1992). Therefore, the Statute includes severe penalties, both civil and criminal, for those who intercept, receive and/or broadcast protected communications. See Scott, 783 F.Supp. at 281; See generally §605(e).<sup>1</sup> Moreover, Congress has equated a violation of the Statute to theft of service. See 1988 U.S. Code Cong. & Admin. News. 7, 5577, 5642-43. In 1988, in an effort to further deter theft. Congress amended the Statute to provide for more severe penalties for violations. Id. at 5657.

Accordingly, a party aggrieved under the Statute may recover statutory damages of up to \$10,000.00 for each violation thereof. \$605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II). Moreover, if the Court finds that the violation of the Statute was committed "willfully and for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain..." the Court may award additional damages of up to \$100,000.00 for each violation. \$605(e)(3)(C)(ii). Furthermore, a Court shall award full costs, including reasonably attorneys' fees. §605(e)(3)(B)(iii). Because J&J Sports Production, Inc. constitutes an aggrieved party under the Statute, see §605(D)(6), J&J Sports Production, Inc. is entitled to damages from the Defendant for her unlawful acts.

It is obvious that the Defendant's interception, receipt and broadcast of the Event was not innocent. Section 605(e)(3)(C)(iii) provides for limited damages to the aggrieved party "[i]n any case where the court finds that the violator was not aware and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The criminal penalties include fines and imprisonment. See §605(e)(1) and (e)(2).

had no reason to believe that his acts constituted a violation of this section..." However, as stated by Congress, this type of situation occurs rarely,

> [i]t is not intended that this provision serve in any way as a defense to a determination of liability under subsection (a), but rather only as a provision to be exercised in the court's discretion for those rare instances of ignorance of the law on the part of one adjudged to have violated it.

Cable Communications Policy Act, P.L. 98-549, 5 U.S. Cong. News. '84 Bd. Vol. 8, 4745, 4751. Clearly, this was not the instant situation.

As Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant is a commercial establishment, it could not have obtained the transmission or the Event had the Defendant not undertaken specific wrongful actions to intercept and/or receive and broadcast the telecast. In order for an unauthorized commercial establishment to receive a broadcast such as the Event, there must be some wrongful action, such as using an unauthorized decoder, obtaining cable service and illegally altering the cable service to bring the signal of the Event into the establishment or moving an unauthorized decoder from its authorized location to the establishment. Because the Defendant must have committed wrongful acts in order to intercept and/or receive and broadcast the Event, there is no basis for limiting J&J Sports Production, Inc. relief to the \$10,000 provided for in §605(e)(3)(C)(I).

# Statutory Damages Under §605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II)

As its first basis for relief, J&J Sports Production, Inc. is requesting statutory damages pursuant to §605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II). See Cable/Home Communication Corp. v. Network Productions, Inc., 902 F.2d 829, 850 (11th Cir. 1990)<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the Statute,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> It is in the Plaintiff's discretion whether to elect to receive actual or statutory damages. Id.

For the reasons set forth, J&J Sports Production, Inc. believes it is entitled to full statutory damages in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the violation of the Statute.

As stated supra, on March 19, 2005, the Defendant or agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendant intercepted and received or assisted in the interception and receipt of the live telecast of the Event. They then broadcast or assisted in the broadcast of the Event to the patrons at Heveres d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant for viewing therein. The patrons at Heveres d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant purchased meals and/or drinks while viewing the Event. The patrons whom the Defendant permitted without authorization to view the Event would otherwise only have been able to view the Event at a commercial establishment by paying an admittance fee at an establishment authorized by J&J Sports Production, Inc. to receive the transmission.

The Defendant broadcast the Event to the patrons at Heveres d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant without paying any sublicense fees to J&J Sports Production, Inc. To date, no amount has been paid to J&J Sports Production, Inc. to compensate it for the illegal broadcast of the Event in Heveres d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant.

Statutory damages are appropriate where actual damages are difficult to prove. Lauratex Textile Corp. v. Allton Knitting Mills, Inc., 519 F.Supp. 730, 732 (S.D.N.Y. 1981); Lottie Jonlin Thomas Trust v. Crown Publishers, Inc., 592 F.2d 651, 657 (2d Cir. 1978). The lack of adequate proof of any particular element causes the Court to rely, within its discretion, on the statutory limitations. F.W. Woolworth Co. v. Contemporary

Arts, Inc., 344 U.S. 228, 233 (1952). In the instant case, as more fully discussed infra, it would be impossible to determine the full extent of the profits lost by J&J Sports Production, Inc. and the additional damages sustained by J&J Sports Production, Inc. as a result of the Defendant's unlawful actions.

Accordingly, it is appropriate for J&J Sports Production, Inc. to elect to receive statutory damages.

Because the Statute defining statutory damage awards for violations of the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (the "Copyright Act") is similar to the Statute, its case law is instructive for the determination of the amount of statutory damages to which J&J Sports Production, Inc. is entitled.<sup>3</sup>

According to the United States Supreme Court, when determining the applicable statutory damage award under the Copyright Act, the amount of profits lost by the copyright holder is not the only criteria for a Court to consider. Woolworth, 344 U.S. at 233. Rather,

> a rule of liability which merely takes away the profits from an infringement would offer little discouragement to infringers. It would fall short of an effective sanction for enforcement of the copyright policy. The statutory rule, formulated after long experience, not merely compels restitution of profit and reparation for injury but also is designed to discourage

**Statutory damages**. (1) Except as provided by clause (2) of this subsection, the copyright owner may elect, at any time before final judgment is rendered, to recover, instead of actual damages and profits, an award of statutory damages for all infringements involved in the action, with respect to any one work, for which any one infringer is liable individually, or for which any two or more infringers are liable jointly and severally, in a sum not less than \$500 or more than \$20,000 as the court considers just.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 17 U.S.C. §504(c)(1) provides as follows:

wrongful conduct. The discretion of the court is wide enough to permit a resort to statutory damages for such purposes. Even for uninjurious and unprofitable invasions of copyright the court may, if it deems it just, impose a liability within statutory limits to sanction and vindicate the statutory policy.

ld. at 233.

Statutory damages under the Copyright Act should serve to compensate the copyright owners and to provide a detriment to would be infringers. Lottie Joplin Thomas Trust, 592 F.2d at 657; Lauratex, 519 F. Supp. at 732. Factors to consider in determining a statutory damage award include: (1) "the market value of the rights infringed", (2) "the revenue lost by the plaintiff and profits gained by the defendant", (3) the infringers state of mind" and (4) "deterrence of future infringement: Basic Books, Inc. v. Kinko's Graphics Corp., 758 F.Supp. 1522, 1544 (S.D.N.Y. 1991).

Applying the Courts' analysis from its decisions under the Copyright Act, in the instant case, the lost income from the sale of the Event to Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant represents only a starting place for the determination of the amount of damages to which J&J Sports Productions, Inc. is entitled for the Defendant's wrongful acts.

When Congress enacted the Statute, it was specifically cognizant of the problems of theft of various wire communications, including closed-circuit programming, such as the Event. As stated in the House Bill:

The Committee is extremely concerned with a problem which is increasingly plaguing the cable industry-the theft cable service. This problem has taken on many forms from the manufacture and sale of equipment intended to permit reception of cable services without paying for it, to apartment building dwellers "tapping" into cable system wire in a building's hallway that issued for providing service to a

neighbor's apartment unit, to the sale by building superintendents of cable converters left behind by previous tenants to new tenants. Such practices does not only often permit one to obtain cable service without paying the installation and hookup costs, but also, for instance, involve individuals gaining access to premium movie and sports channels without paying for the receipt of those services.

Theft of services deprives the cable industry of millions of dollars of revenue each year which it should otherwise be receiving. The Committee believes that theft of cable service poses a major threat to the economic viability of cable operators and cable programmers, and creates unfair burdens on cable subscribers who are forced to subsidize the benefits that other individuals are getting by receiving cable service without paying for it.

Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, House Report No. 98-934, 5 U.S. Cong. News. '84 Bd. Vol. -6, 4655, 4720. Moreover, according to Congress, these incidents threaten to undermine the satellite industry and adversely impact legitimate satellite dealers and satellite programmers who otherwise would be receiving payment for their programming or descrambling devices. See, U.S. v. Scott, 783 F.Supp. 280, 281 (N.D. Miss. 1992) (quoting 1984 U.S. Code Cong. & Admin. News 4655, 4746).

The impact of theft of this type is far-reaching throughout the entertainment industry. According to the Office of Cable Signal Theft of the National Cable Television Association, the cable industry loses an estimated 3 Billion Dollars annually as a result of the theft of cable signals. Cable Piracy Fact Sheet. Not only do these acts of theft cause legitimate businesses to lose money, but they also weaken the cable signal, thereby adversely affecting the quality of the picture received by authorized users. Id.

Theft has also adversely impacted the movie industry. Theft of American movies and television programming, including satellite and cable television programming, has increased 27% since 1990. News Release, March 18, 1992, Motion Picture Export

Association of America, Inc. ("MPEAA"). According to Jack Valenti, MPEAA's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, "[p]iracy is the single biggest problem facing the motion picture industry today". <u>Id</u>. These thefts cost the industry over 1.2 Billion Dollars annually. Id.

Similarly, the unauthorized interception, receipt and broadcast of the Event and other closed-circuit programming threatens the viability of the closed-circuit industry. There are no countervailing social or policy considerations which justify the unauthorized interception of these broadcasts. Cf., ON/TV of Chicago v. Julien, 763 F.2d 839, 843 (7th Cir. 1985); Subscription Television of Greater Washington v. Kaufman, 606 F.Supp. 1540, 1544 (D.D.C. 1985).

In addition to the lost revenue which would have been derived from the delivery and exhibition of the Event to Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and its patrons, J&J Sports Production, Inc. should receive additional compensation to account for any profits gained by the Defendant for meals and/or drinks sold to the patrons as a indirect result of her unlawful acts. Moreover, J&J Sports Production, Inc. should be further compensated as it has been deprived of the "value, benefits and profits derived" from the unauthorized broadcast of the Event to Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and its patrons as well as the value of "business investment, business opportunities and goodwill." See American Television and Communications Corp. v. Floken, Ltd., 629 F.Supp. 1462, 1466 (M.D. Fla. 1986). As a result of theft by the Defendants and others, J&J Sports Production, Inc. has lost and will continue to lose as customers legitimate commercial establishments which are unwilling and financially unable to compete with those unauthorized commercial establishments, such as

Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant, which steal sports and other closedcircuit programming. Because these unauthorized commercial establishments offer the stolen programming to their patrons for no fee or for a fee which is less than the authorized establishments are required to charge, the legitimate commercial establishments with the right to broadcast closed-circuit programming can not attract paying customers. As a result, the authorized commercial establishments fail to recover the sublicense fees paid, suffer the loss of patrons and incur financial loss. When the unauthorized commercial establishment advertises the availability of the stolen programming, the number of patrons at the unauthorized commercial establishment increases and, as a result, J&J Sports Production, Inc. and the authorized commercial establishments suffer additional losses.

Theft of closed-circuit broadcasts, such as the Event, by unauthorized commercial establishments, such as Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant, adversely affects both J&J Sports Production, Inc. and its customers. J&J Sports Production, Inc. pays substantial fees to obtain the right to sublicense the broadcast of closed-circuit programming to authorized commercial establishments. J&J Sports Production, Inc. primary source of revenue is the sublicense fees which it charges to authorized commercial establishments for the right to broadcast closed-circuit sports and entertainment programming such as the Event.

Clearly, the Defendant's actions have the potential to erode the base of J&J Sports Production, Inc. customers. Each patron of Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant, is lost as a future patron of authorized broadcasts. See Cox Cable Cleveland Area, Inc. v. King, 582 F.Supp. 376, 381 (E.D. Ohio 1983). But for the

Defendant's unauthorized broadcast of the Event, all or some of the patrons of Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant would have become paying patrons and directly increased the fees paid to J&J Sports Production, Inc. by its authorized commercial establishments.

Further, J&J Sports Production, Inc. has suffered damage to its goodwill and reputation and loss of its right and ability to control and receive fees for the transmission of the Event. See Quincy Cablesystems, Inc., 640 F.Supp. at 1161.

When negotiating sublicense fees, J&J Sports Production, Inc. generally represents to legitimate commercial establishments the locations of other authorized commercial establishments licensed to receive the programming. Therefore, when an unauthorized commercial establishment intercepts, receives and broadcasts closed-circuit programming, such as the Event, J&J Sports Production, Inc. reputation and goodwill suffers from what appears like a misrepresentation. J&J Sports Production, Inc. should receive compensation from the Defendant for these losses suffered. Furthermore, an incalculable element of damages is the ill-will and possible loss of future business from legitimate commercial establishments which refuse to pay sublicense fees because they cannot compete with unauthorized commercial establishments which steal closed-circuit programming, such as the Event.

The continued viability of J&J Sports Production, Inc. as a business concern depends upon the willingness and ability of legitimate commercial establishments to pay sublicense fees for the right to broadcast closed-circuit sports and entertainment programming, such as the Event. If such programming is made available to the public for no fee at unauthorized commercial establishments which have not purchased the

right to broadcast such programming, legitimate commercial establishments will find no reason to purchase the right to legally broadcast this type of programming.

J&J Sports Production, Inc. is operating a legitimate business of the type that Congress specifically sought to protect. That protection, however, is threatened by the Defendant's actions. This Court must use the full power of the Statute to punish the Defendant for her acts of theft. If rampant theft of service is allowed to go unpunished and J&J Sports Production, Inc. and similar distributors of protected communications continue to suffer losses as a result of the theft, these businesses could be forced to curtail distribution of this programming, thereby depriving the people of the State of New York of the ability to view these sports and entertainment events.

The arguments set forth herein are also applicable in supporting damages under 47 U.S.C. §553(c)(3)(A)(ii) in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Given the benefits which the Defendant received from the broadcasts of the Event and given the additional damages which J&J Sports Production, Inc. has suffered, it is fair and reasonable to assess against the Defendant and award to J&J Sports Production, Inc. statutory damages in the amount of \$10,000.00, pursuant to §§553(c)(3)(A)(ii)and \$10,000.00 under 605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II). Clearly, given the wrongfulness of the Defendant's acts and the losses suffered by J&J Sports Production, Inc. it is entitled to these damages.

### Damages for Willful Act Under §605(e)(3)(C)(ii)

As its second basis for relief, J&J Sports Production, Inc. requesting damages pursuant to §553(c)(3)(B)and 605(e)(3)(c)(ii) because the Defendant's actions were willful and "for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain". In ON/TV of Chicago v. Julien, 763 F.2d 839, 844 (7th Cir. 1985), the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit interpreted willful under the Statute as "disregard for the governing statute and an indifference to its requirements". Id. at 844 (quoting TransWorld Airlines, Inc. v. Thurston, 469 U.S. 111, 127 (1985)).

As set forth <u>supra</u>, because of the absence of any way in which the Defendant could have "innocently" accessed the broadcast of the Event, It is apparent that she specifically and willfully acted to illegally intercept the transmissions of the Event for her commercial advantage. Moreover, as set forth <u>supra</u>, after Patricia Ferrero witnessed the Event being broadcast in Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant, she handed a cease and desist letter to the Defendant's agent which stated that the broadcast was illegal and should cease. (See Exhibit "C" - Investigator's Affidavit)

Clearly, the Defendant's actions indicate disregard of and indifference to the Statute. The Defendant knew that it was wrong to receive, intercept and divert the cable service and the Event and to broadcast it in Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant. Similarly, the Defendant knew that her actions were unlawful particularly after receiving the case and desist letter, yet, with total disregard for the Statute. She nevertheless intercepted and received the transmission and broadcast it to the patrons of Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant. Accordingly, because the Defendant's actions were willful, J&J Sports Production, Inc. is entitled to additional damages.

The Copyright Act provides this court with a further basis for finding that the Defendant's actions were willful. Here too, because the Statute related to damages for willful violations of the Copyright Act is similar to the Statute, the Copyright Act is again

In Fitzgerald Publishing Co., Inc. v. Baylor Publishing Co., Inc., 807 F.2d 1110 (2d Cir. 1986), aff'd., 862 F.2d 304 (1988) the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit analyzed the criteria for determining whether actions constitute willful conduct. According to the Court, "a defendant's knowledge that its actions constitute an infringement [of the Copyright Act] establishes that the defendant acted willfully" within the meaning of the Copyright Act. Id. at 1115; Fallaci v. New Gazette Literacy Corp., 568 F.Supp. 1172, 1173 (S.D.N.Y. 1983) (citing 3 Nimmer on Copyright, §14.04 [B][3], at 14-27, 14-28 (1982). There is no need to prove malice or actual knowledge in order to establish a willful violation; constructive knowledge is sufficient. See Fitzgerald, 807 F.2d at 1115; Cable/Home, 902 F.2d at 851. In the instant case, the Defendant's actual knowledge that her acts were wrongful should be sufficient to demonstrate that her acts were willful.

It is patently obvious that the Defendant's actions were "for the purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain." §605(e)(3)(C)(ii). As stated by Congress,

> [i]t is further intended that the term "direct or indirect commercial advantage or private financial gain" be interpreted broadly by both the courts in deciding actions. and the Department of Justice in pursuing actions, under this section. Those who willfully violate subsection (a) and directly or indirectly enjoy commercial gain from those violations, may be reached.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Copyright Act provides as follows:

<sup>(2)</sup> In a case where...court finds, that infringement was committed wilfully, the court in its discretion may increase the award of statutory damages to a sum of not more than \$100,000. 17 U.S.C. \$504(c)(2).

Cable Communications Policy Act, P.L. 98-549, 5 U.S. Cong. News. '84 Bd. Vol.-8, 4745, 4750.

Because the Event was broadcast to the patrons of Heveres d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant, the Defendant's purpose and intent in exhibiting the Event was to secure a private financial gain and direct commercial advantage by misappropriating J&J Sports Production, Inc. licensed exhibitions and infringing upon J&J Sports Production, Inc. rights, while avoiding proper payment to J&J Sports Production, Inc.

By interpreting the statutory language broadly as directed by Congress, the Court must find that the Defendant's actions were for her commercial gain as set forth in the Statute. Accordingly, as the Defendant's actions were willful and for commercial advantage, J&J Sports Production, Inc. is entitled to additional damages under the Statute.

Generally, it is reasonable to increase an actual or statutory damages award by a specific percentage to penalize the Defendants for willful acts. See e.g. Lauratex, 519 F.Supp. at 733 (an increase of seven times the actual damages for willful acts); Cablevision Systems Corp. v. Maxie's North Shore Deli Corp., 1991 WL 58350, No. CV 88 2834 (ASC) (E.D.N.Y. 1991) (the court awarded five times the statutory damages for willful violations); Cable/Home, 902 F.2d 829 (additional damages of five times actual damages for willful conduct).

As a willful violator of this Statute, the Defendant must be held accountable for a substantial amount above the market value of the sublicense fees to broadcast the Event. Otherwise, other commercial establishments "would be encouraged to violate the law knowing the full extent of their liability would not exceed what they would have

to pay for a license on the open market." Fallaci, 568 F.Supp. at 1174).

Under the Copyright Act, "when the infringement is willful, 'deterrence of future violations is a legitimate consideration' because 'defendants must not be able to sneer in the fact of copyright owners and copyright laws'." <a href="Cable/Home">Cable/Home</a>, 902 F.2d at 851 (quoting International Korwin Corp. v. Kowalczyk, 855 F.2d 375, 383 (7th Cir. 1988); <a href="See also Chi-Boy Music v. Charlie Club, Incorporated">See also Chi-Boy Music v. Charlie Club, Incorporated</a>, 930 F.2d 1224, 1230 (7th Cir. 1991). Similarly, in the instant case, the award of additional damages must be sufficiently significant to deter the Defendant and other unauthorized commercial establishments from stealing protected communications.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The need for substantial awards to compensate those aggrieved under the Statute and to deter the Defendant and similar individuals and entities has already been recognized in this jurisdiction and other jurisdictions. For the reasons set forth herein, the Plaintiff respectfully requests the aforesaid relief.

Respectfully submitted,

August 1, 2008

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

J & J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Civil Action No. 08 CV 02869

Plaintiff,

v. COMPLAINT

HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ADELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ

Defendants,

**SERVE ON:** 

Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029

Adelina Ruiz 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029

Francisco Ruiz 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10029

Plaintiff, J & J Sports Productions, Inc., by and through its undersigned counsel, Paul J. Hooten & Associates, complains of the defendants, Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz, alleges as follows:

#### Jurisdiction

- This action arises under Section 705 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C.
   §§ 605 and 553.
  - 2. Jurisdiction in this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 47 U.S.C. §§ 605 and

553.

3. Venue in this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) as these claims arose in this district.

#### **Parties**

- At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff, J & J Sports Productions, Inc., was and 4. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal office and place of business located in San Jose, California.
- 5. Upon information and belief the defendant, Heveres Corp. is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, and authorized to transacting business as "Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant" from its principal place of business located at 154 E. 112<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York.
- 6. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz are the owners of Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant.
- 7. Defendants Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Adelinal Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants."

#### **Preliminary Background**

- 8. Plaintiff entered into a closed-circuit television license agreement to exhibit the closed-circuit telecast of the March 19, 2005 boxing match between Erik Morales and Manny Pacquiao including undercard or preliminary bouts (the boxing match and all related bouts are collectively referred to as the "Event"), at closed-circuit locations such as theaters, arenas, bars, clubs, lounges, restaurants and the like throughout New York and other geographic locales (the "License Agreement"). Plaintiff paid substantial fees for its exclusive rights to exhibit the Event under the License Agreement.
- 9. Plaintiff entered into the License Agreement for the purpose of distributing for a commercial gain the closed-circuit broadcast of the Event to various business establishments

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- 10. The closed-circuit broadcast of the Event was not intended for the use of the general public. In New York, the closed-circuit broadcast of the Event could only be exhibited in a commercial establishment if said establishment was contractually authorized to do so by J & J Sports Productions, Inc.
- 11. Pursuant to the License Agreement, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. marketed and distributed the closed-circuit rights granted to it. J & J Sports Productions, Inc. contracted with various establishments throughout New York and granted to such establishments the right to broadcast the Event in exchange for a fee.
- 12. The transmission of the Event was electronically coded or "scrambled". In order for the signal to be received and telecast clearly, it had to be decoded with electronic decoding equipment.
- 13. The transmission of the Event was available to the defendants to purchase for broadcast in Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant. Had they done so, they would have been authorized to receive, transmit and publish the Event in Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant. Defendants did not, however, contract with J & J Sports Productions, Inc. to obtain the rights to broadcast the Event.
- 14. The establishments which contracted with J & J Sports Productions, Inc. to broadcast the Event were provided with the electronic decoding equipment and satellite coordinates necessary to receive the signal of the Event.
- 15. On March 19, 2005, in violation of J & J Sports Productions, Inc. rights and federal and state law, the Defendants willfully intercepted and/or received the interstate communication of the Event. In the alternative, the Defendants assisted in the receipt of the interstate communication

of the Event. The Defendants then transmitted, divulged and published said communication, or assisted in transmitting, divulging and publishing said communication, to patrons within Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant.

- 16. The Defendants misappropriated J & J Sports Productions, Inc. licensed exhibition of the Event and infringed upon J & J Sports Productions, Inc. exclusive rights while avoiding proper payment to J & J Sports Productions, Inc. Defendants' purpose and express intent in committing their unlawful actions was to secure a financial gain and commercial advantage.
- 17. The Defendants enabled the patrons within Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant to view the Event to which neither the Defendants nor the patrons were entitled.
- 18. The persons whom Defendants permitted to view the Event would otherwise have been able to view it at a commercial establishment only if said commercial establishment was properly licensed and authorized by J & J Sports Productions, Inc.
- 19. The Defendants were not authorized to intercept, receive or transmit the communication of the Event or to assist in such actions in any form or at any time.
- 20. Defendants' unauthorized exhibition of the telecast of the event caused substantial damage to J & J Sports Productions, Inc.

## **COUNT I** VIOLATION OF 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §605

- 21. The Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 19 of the Complaint.
- 22. The Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §605 (the "Statute"), provides in part:

No person not being authorized by the sender shall intercept any radio communication and divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of such intercepted communication to any person. No person not being entitled thereto shall receive or assist in receiving any interstate or foreign communication by radio and use such communication (or any information therein contained) for his own benefit or for benefit of another not entitled thereto. No person having received any intercepted radio communication or having become acquainted with the contents, substances, purport, effect, or meaning of such communication (or any part thereof) knowing that such communication was intercepted, shall divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of such communication (or any part thereof) or use such communication (or any information therein contained) for his own benefit or for the benefit of another not entitled thereto.

- 23. The Defendants' wrongful actions in connection with the Event were in violation of the Statute.
- 24. Section 605(d)(6) provides that "any person with proprietary rights in the intercepted communication ..." may bring a private cause of action against one who acts in violation of the Statute.
- 25. By virtue of the License Agreement, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. maintained proprietary rights in the intercepted communication of the Event. Therefore, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. is an aggrieved person and is entitled to recover damages from the Defendants for their violations of the Statute and their interference with J & J Sports Productions, Inc. proprietary rights.
- 26. Because of its contractual rights and obligations with regard to distribution of the Event, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. had an important economic interest in protecting the integrity of the communication of the Event. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' acts, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. has lost the revenue which would have been derived from the delivery and exhibition of the Event to Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and its patrons, causing substantial and irreparable harm, including, but not limited to, a loss of revenue and profits, damage to its goodwill and reputation, a loss of its substantial investment of financial resources, time

and effort in the promotion of the Event and loss of its right and ability to control and receive fees for the reception of the Event. Further, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. has also suffered an unquantifiable loss of future business in those persons who will not patronize J & J Sports Productions, Inc., subscribers on the assumption that they can view future similar closed-circuit events at unauthorized establishments such as Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant.

27. Because of Defendants' wrongful actions, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. is entitled to collect from the Defendants (1) statutory damages in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), pursuant to \$605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II); (2) statutory damages in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), pursuant to \$605(e)(3)(C)(ii); and (3) full costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to §605(e)(3)(B)(iii).

#### **COUNT II**

#### VIOLATION OF 47 U.S.C. §553

- 28. The Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 26 above as if the same were fully set forth herein.
- 29. Section 553(1) provides, "No person shall intercept or receive or assist in intercepting or receiving any communications service offered over a cable system, unless specifically authorized to do so by a cable operator or as may otherwise be specifically authorized by law."
- 30. Upon information and belief, in violation of 47 U.S.C. §553, the Defendants, illegally and without authorization, intercepted, received or otherwise assisted in the unauthorized interception or receipt of the Event.
- 31. Upon information and belief, the Defendants effected such interception or receipt of the Events through the use of illegal decoding devices; by the manipulation of the closed-circuit system authorized to carry the Events in the licensing area; by ordering the Events for residential

locations and removing the decoder/converter box to Defendants' commercial locations, or by such other means unknown to J & J Sports Productions, Inc. and known only to Defendants.

- 32. Defendants' violations of 47 U.S.C. §553 were committed willfully and for purposes of commercial advantage and private financial gain.
- 33. J & J Sports Productions, Inc. is a person aggrieved by the Defendants' violations of 47 U.S.C. §553 and is authorized to institute this action against the Defendants pursuant to §553.
- 34. Defendants' violations of 47 U.S.C. §553 have injured and will continue to injure J & J Sports Productions, Inc., s ability to market future pay-per-view products and to maximize the revenues which it seeks to derive from its telecasts, in that J & J Sports Productions, Inc. has been deprived of the benefit of subscribers to the Events and has suffered injury to its goodwill and reputation. As a further result of such violations, Defendants have gained and will continue to gain unjust profits and undeserved goodwill.
- 35. Unless restrained by this Court, the Defendants will continue to receive, intercept, transmit and exhibit J & J Sports Productions, Inc. programming illegally and without authorization in violation of 47 U.S.C. §553. The Defendants intercepted, received and publicly exhibited J & J Sports Productions, Inc.'s telecast of the Event without authorization, on at least one occasion, and J & J Sports Productions, Inc. cannot practicably detect or determine each occasion on which Defendants have intercepted, received and publicly exhibited the Event or other J & J Sports Productions, Inc., programming.
- 36. All conditions precedent to J & J Sports Productions, Inc.'s, right to bring this action have been performed or have otherwise occurred.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, J & J Sports Productions, Inc. prays this Court grant judgment against Defendants Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and

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Francisco Ruiz, jointly and severely, as follows:

A. Declare that Defendants' unauthorized interception, reception and public commercial

exhibition of the Event, or their assistance in the performance of such unauthorized actions, was in

violation of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§553 and 605, and that such violation was

committed willfully and for purposes of direct or indirect commercial advantage and private financial

gain;

B. For statutory damages of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) pursuant to

§605(e)(3)(C)(i)(II);

C. For statutory damages of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) pursuant to

§605(e)(3)(C)(ii);

D. For full costs of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to

§605(e)(B)(iii);

E. For statutory damages of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) pursuant to

§553(3)(A)(ii);

F. For statutory damages of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) pursuant to

§553(3)(B); and

G. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

J & J SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

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08-CV-2869

HEVERES CORP. d/b/a MI PALENQUE BAR & RESTAURANT and ADELINA RUIZ and FRANCISCO RUIZ

Defendant,

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE** OF DEFAULT

I, J. Michael McMahon, Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 55, do hereby certify that the docket entries in the above-entitled action indicate that the defendant, Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palenque Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz were served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action on April 17, 2008.

I further certify that the docket entries indicate that the defendants Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz have not filed an Answer. The Default of the defendants, Heveres Corp. d/b/a Mi Palengue Bar & Restaurant and Adelina Ruiz and Francisco Ruiz is hereby entered according to law.

DATED: New York, New York

J. Michael McMahon **CLERK OF THE COURT** 



AFFIDAVIT OF: PATRICIA FERRARO

COUNTY OF: NEW YORK

STATE OF: NEW YORK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared PATRICIA FERRARO and after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and states as follows:

- My name is PATRICIA FERRARO I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, of sound mind, competent to testify as to the matters contained herein, personally acquainted with the facts stated herein, and state that they are true and correct.
- I am currently employed by AUDITMASTERS 2
- 3. At approximately 09: 42 p.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> ,2005 I entered:

MI PALENQUE RESTAURANT

154 EAST 112 STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10029

212-348-9192

During my visit, I observed that MI PALENQUE RESTAURANT was displaying the Erick Morales vs Manny Pacquiao Championship Boxing Match and/or its undercard preliminary bouts. I took a head count at this time and counted approximately 55 (number) of persons inside the establishment. I also noticed there were 01 (number) of televisions and/or monitors for viewing by patrons inside this establishment.

The television monitor(s) displayed the following: (Logos as they appear on the microphone, ringmat, ring posts, or television screens; and the identity of any boxing activity witnessed, specifically, if applicable, names of fighters, color of boxing trunks, round number and time remaining in round.)

I OBSERVED THE FIGHT BETWEEN MARTIN CASTILLO AND ERIC MOREL WHICH AT THE TIME I ENTERED THE ABOVE LOCATION WAS IN THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ROUND WITH 2:37 REMAINING IN THE ROUND. ERIC MOREL WAS WEARING RED TRUNKS AND MARTIN CASTILLO WAS WEARING SILVER TRUNKS. RING MAT WAS BLUE IN COLOR WITH CORONA LOGO AT CENTER OF THE RING. TWO RING POST WERE RED WITH CORONA WRITTEN ON THEM AND THE OTHER TWO WERE WHITE WITH MGM GRAND WRITEN ON THEM.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DATE AND SIGN THIS AFFIDAVIT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY PUBLIC WHO SHALL NOTARIZE YOUR SIGNATURE.

PATRICIA FERRARO

(Signature of Auditor) (Printed Name of Auditor)

Dated: MARCH 21, 2005

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21ST day of MARCH 2005

Notary Public in and for the State of NEW YORK

(Signature of Notary Public)

this is a legal document and **MUST** be typed.

My Commission Expires:

STEPIEN J. BROWAND Notary Public, State of New York No. 43-4627823

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